

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-179) 528 Rec'd PCT/PTO 02 MAR 2001

In the Application of: )  
James Baber Rowe, et al. )  
Serial No.: U.S. Nat'l Phase of PCT/AU00/00805 )  
Int'l Filing Date: July 3, 2000 )  
For: Control Of Acidosis )  
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Examiner: TBA

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks before examination on the merits.

In the claims:

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

Amend claims 3-8 and 18 to depend from claim 1 only.

Amend claims 11-15 to depend from claim 9 only.

Amend claim 16 by deleting "claims 1 to 8" in the third line of the claim and inserting - claim 1- therefor.

Amend claim 16 by deleting "claims 10 to 15" in the forth line of the claim and inserting -claim 10- therefor.

Amend claim 18 by deleting "claims 1 to 8" in the fourth line of the claim and inserting -claim 1- therefor.

Amend claim 19 by deleting "claims 10 to 15" in the fifth line of the claim and inserting -claim 10- therefor.

Amend claim 23 to depend from claim 21 only.

Amend claims 24 and 25 to depend from claim 19 only.

Amend claims 35 and 36 to depend from claim 33 only.